

**The Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs and  
Border Protection (COAC)**

Executive Summary of Work for  
Working Group on Antidumping and Countervailing Duties (AD/CVD)  
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This statement represents the first COAC Executive Summary for this Working Group during the current COAC term. The mission of this group is the following:

- Strengthen partnerships between CBP and the trade community to promote compliance with AD/CVD laws and policy
- Improve the effectiveness of AD/CVD risk assessment through better identification of high and low risk shipments and/or entities
- Identify effective approaches for deterring AD/CVD violations
- Support other steps to enable more effective administration and enforcement of AD/CVD operations.

The short-term goal is to form an expanded Working Group that will consist of a diverse range of individuals who can provide an array of expertise on matters that help support the mission of more effective and efficient AD/CVD administration and enforcement.

The framework for a current Working Group project is the development of joint CBP/Trade Best Practices Training. The vision is that this kind of comprehensive guide can provide tangible value to key stakeholders in both government and trade. For example, AD/CVD cases often have complicated issues related to exactly what items fall within the scope of an order or questions related to proper country of origin determinations. While the specific questions may differ depending on the details of a case, most cases should have common elements regarding how stakeholders approach and analyze such questions. It is the hope that by working together – CBP and COAC will help create a Best Practices product that can be presented in different venues and provide value to both the trade and the government in ways that will help increase compliance and decrease transaction costs.

In addition, COAC will continue to engage CBP in ways to improve the trade intelligence function within CBP including ideas to help expand the role of the Centers of Excellence and Expertise in AD/CVD cases. COAC also recognizes that CBP has done effective work reaching out to specific industries in AD/CVD cases and would like to explore ways to expand this model to other cases.

Moving forward – this Working Group will continue to discuss issues in accordance with our mission and looks forward to continued work with CBP and the trade.